



Air Resources Board

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August 25, 2006

Dear Sir or Madam:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop on September 19, 2006, to discuss draft regulatory language for amendments to the Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Emissions of Perchloroethylene from Dry Cleaning Operations.

On May 25, 2006, the ARB held a meeting to discuss the proposed amendments to the Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Emissions of Perchloroethylene from Dry Cleaning Operations (Dry Cleaning ATCM). The Board heard testimony from many interested parties, including the affected industries, industry associations, environmental groups, local air pollution control districts and other interested individuals. Although some of the testimony was supportive of ARB staff's proposal, many commenters suggested that ARB phase out the use of perchloroethylene (Perc) in dry cleaning operations primarily because of its toxic effects and the availability of alternative technologies.

After hearing public comments and considering staff's proposal, the Board directed staff to return to them with a proposal to phase out Perc from dry cleaning operations. The Board also directed staff to consider the cost impacts of the proposal to the industry and to provide information on any available programs which provide financial assistance to California dry cleaners. This workshop will provide the public with the staff's draft regulatory proposal to phase out Perc in dry cleaning operations.

The time and location of the meeting is as follows:

Date: September 19, 2006
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (PST)
Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters
Byron Sher Auditorium, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

For those unable to attend the workshop in person, a live internet broadcast will be available. The broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop at www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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Prior to the workshop, the formal meeting agenda, the draft regulatory language and any relevant handouts will be available on our website for your review at www.arb.ca.gov/dryclean. Hardcopies of these materials will also be available on the day of the meeting.

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm for assistance or contact the ADA Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please contact Ms. Linda Keifer at (916) 323-4327 or lkeifer@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible.

We welcome your participation in the workshop. If you have general questions regarding the public workshop, please send an email to dryclean@arb.ca.gov or contact Mei Fong at (916) 324-2570, Sonia Villalobos at (916) 327-5983, or Hafizur Chowdhury at (916) 322-2275.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel E. Donohue". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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